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Honda Honors San Lorenzo Valley High School Math Teacher For Excellence

Washington DC— U.S. Congressman Michael P. Honda (D-San Jose) today honored San Lorenzo High School Teacher, Sandra Gilliam of Felton for her innovative approach to motivating students to learn mathematics. Ms. Gilliam was in Washington this week to receive a Presidential Award from the Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching program awarded to top teachers around the country by the National Science Foundation.

"As a former high school science teacher, I understand the difficulties teachers face in capturing the imagination of our young people," said Honda. **"Teachers like Sandra Gilliam, who take the time to develop lesson plans that use real-life situations to engage students by drawing upon their energy and curiosity, deserve our respect and support."**

Last week Honda joined with high- tech industry leaders and educators from the South Bay to announce the launch of his "National Education Technology Corps Act of 2001" (NET Corps) that he is introducing in the United States Congress next Tuesday. In the spirit of the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps, the NET Corps will recruit part-time and full-time volunteers from high-tech companies to provide support and training to school network administrators and teachers in return for tax credits from the federal government.

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